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BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS FEATURE FLOWERS AND PLANTS IN ITS TRIAL GARDEN

Hales Corners – The Boerner Botanical Gardens located in Whitnall Park, 9400 Boerner Drive in Hales Corners, is currently showcasing its Trial Garden. The Trial Garden has been in existence since 1953 and is a great resource for both home and professional gardeners. It is a laboratory for the Boerner Gardens as they receive specimens from American and International seed companies and document their ability to grow in this climate.

“Our Trial Garden is the most extensive testing program of its kind for any park system within the United States,” noted Boerner Director Shirley Dommer. “And we are the only municipally operated Trial Garden in the nation. It is truly unique to other botanical gardens.”

The Boerner Botanical Gardens are a living museum of plants that provide an outdoor classroom for horticultural and botanical enthusiasts as well as a tourist attraction for Milwaukee County. Within its confines there a number of gardens including those that feature roses, herbs, peonies, annuals, a testing ground for All-American Rose selections as well as an arboretum, daylily walk, rock garden and shrub mall.

The Boerner Gardens is also home to an Education and Visitors Center operated by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, which offers programs for plant enthusiasts of all skill levels. The Center also houses the Friends’ Gift Shop and Nell’s Café, which is operated by the Bartolotta Restaurant Group.

For more information on the Boerner Botanical Gardens Trial Garden, please contact Shirley Dommer at (414) 525-5601.

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